

Preparing for the Common Swine Industry Audit

BROOKINGS, S.D. -United States pork producers are committed to producing the highest quality and safest pork in the world. In 2014, the National Pork board and various industry leaders created the new Common Swine Industry Audit to avoid duplication of packer audits.

"Like PQA PLUS, the Common Swine Industry Audit emphasizes food safety and animal well-being, but it goes much more in-depth on many of the criteria," ex-

plained Bob Thaler, Professor & SDSU Extension Swine Specialist.

While the Common Swine Industry Audit is a voluntary program, most packers are requiring producers to take part in the Common Swine Industry Audit program.

Common Swine Industry Audit 101

A third party trained auditor will come to a producer's farm and evaluate their records, Standard Operating Procedures or SOPs,

safety documents, etc. Also, the auditor and producer will walk through the entire operation and assess animal welfare, animal handling, worker training and the environment that the pigs live in.

The entire audit is based on a point system with a potential for a total of 457 points. Individual packers set the minimum points they want their producers to achieve.

Are you ready for the audit? To help producers

prepare for the Common Swine Industry Audit, SDSU Extension created a two hour training program that covers everything a producer will need to successfully complete the audit.

Participants will receive a 3-ring binder with the templates and examples of all the records, SOP's, etc. that they will have to provide to the auditor. Producers will also learn what things the auditor will be evaluating on the walk-through and what

is acceptable and unacceptable.

Dates & locations
Three training sessions are scheduled for this fall, and will run from 2 to 4 p.m.

Aberdeen, Nov. 18, 2015 the training will be held at the SDSU Extension Regional Center in Aberdeen

Huron, Dec. 7 the training will be held at the Crossroads Convention Center

Freeman, Dec. 17 the training will be held at the Prairie House restaurant.

Registration for the event is \$40 registration and will cover the cost of the binders and material. Enrollment is limited to the first 30 people per site.

To enroll or for more information, please contact Heidi Carroll, SDSU Extension Livestock Stewardship Associate, 605.688.6623 or Bob Thaler at 605.688.5435 and let them know which site you'd like to attend.

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Range Beef Cow Symposium Nov. 17-19

BROOKINGS, S.D. -SDSU Extension will provide free transportation to The Range Beef Cow Symposium will be held November 17-19, 2015 at The Ranch, an event center on Larimer County Fairgrounds in Loveland, Colorado.

"Producers attending the Range Beef Cow Symposium in November will hear leading experts and producers discussing markets, cattle reproduction, animal health, and current issues," said Julie Walker, Associate Professor & SDSU Extension Beef Specialist.

Complete symposium details (schedule, registration, and hotels) can be found here on the website for the Range Cow Beef Symposium XXIV.

Symposium Highlights

Duane Lenz, General Manager of Cattle-Fax will address the group on international aspects of the beef industry. Lenz has been a Market Analyst at CattleFax since 1989 and works primarily with feedlots.

Brian Bledsoe, KKTU Chief Meteorologist, will address impact of long-term weather patterns on grazing.

Cliff Lamb, Professor of Reproductive Physiology at University of Florida, will share synchronization research results that works with AI or natural service.

Transportation Details
SDSU Extension has chartered a bus to provide free transportation to the Range Beef Cow Symposium (RBCS).

The bus will provide transportation

from Rapid City to Loveland and will shuttle riders from their motel to the RBCS meeting each day.

The bus departs Monday, Nov. 16, 2015 from the Rapid City Regional Extension Center (711 N Creek Drive); note, the new location on the first floor of the First Interstate Bank building near Menards.

The bus departs promptly at noon (MST), so be there by 11:30 to load. The bus will return to Rapid City when RBCS adjourns at noon on Thursday, Nov. 19, 2015.

If you plan to ride the bus please make lodging reservations at the Best Western Crossroads (5532 Hwy 34; Loveland, Colo.). To Book call 970.667.7810.

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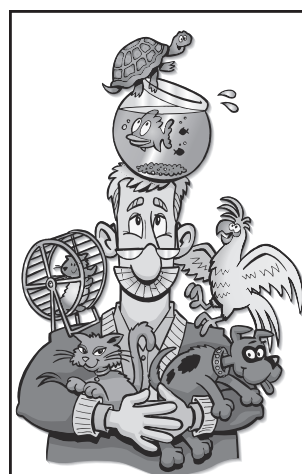
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